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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **BRUSH SEAL**, the specification of which is being filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office herewith.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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Yes ☒ No ☐  
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And we hereby appoint Richard L. Mayer (Registration No. 22,490) and Clifford A. Ulrich (Registration No. 42,194) our attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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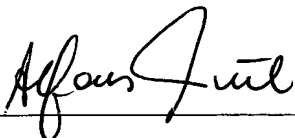


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